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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairs, Center Directors, District Extension Directors, and UF/IFAS Global Director  
FROM: Sherry Larkin, Saqib Mukhtar and Al Wysocki  
SUBJECT: 2017 NIFA Partnership Awards

Each year, NIFA recognizes outstanding contributions from the land-grant institutions and other partners that are aligned with NIFA strategic goals in support of the USDA mission (criteria in link below). Individuals or teams of up to 20 members (each having documentation of a “substantial or significant role”) that have been supported by NIFA, and been in place for three of last five years, are eligible. UF is allowed to submit two nominations across the following five categories:

- I. Mission Integration of Research, Education, or Extension
- II. Multistate Efforts
- III. Innovative Programs and Projects
- IV. Effective and Efficient Use of Resources
- V. Program Improvement through Global Engagement

We are asking you to send us nominations for individuals and/or teams for these awards that meet the criteria (i.e., exemplary impact, national or international recognition, and ongoing efforts). The nomination should (1) indicate the category of submission, (2) a brief summary of how the program/project meets the three broad criteria, and (3) names of nominee(s). Please submit the nominations via email to [IF-SVC-NIFAPARTNERSHIP@ad.ufl.edu](mailto:IF-SVC-NIFAPARTNERSHIP@ad.ufl.edu) by **Thursday, June 29, 2017**.

The Deans and Associate Deans will then make the decision on this year’s nominations. The nominees will be notified by **Friday, June 30** and will then work with UF/IFAS Communications in preparing the submission. Please see the resources here for more information on submissions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

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